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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV REACTIONS TO DEMARCHE ON PANAMA ROLE

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL DELIVERED DEMARCHE AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL TO AMBASSADOR GRANFIL APRIL 4. FOLLOWING IS RECORD OF GRANFIL'S REACTIONS.

2. AFTER SAYING HE WAS NOT HAPPY TO RECEIVE THIS US ASSESSMENT OF YUGOSLAV ACTIVITIES AT PANAMA SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, GRANFIL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS BASED ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH YUGOSLAV PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MOJSOV JUST PRIOR TO HIS RECEPTION IN THE DEPARTMENT:

A. YUGOSLAVS WERE AWARE OF US PRIORITIES AND INTERESTS IN PANAMA AND THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE TO HOLD PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH US DELEGATION. THROUGHOUT PANAMA DISCUSSIONS, YUGOSLAVS HAD BEEN OPEN FOR TALKS, BUT US

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HAD SHOWN NO INCLINATION TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF
ISSUE WITH YUGOSLAVS.

B. YUGOSLAVS WERE ASTONISHED BY CHARGE THAT THEY WERE
RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTENDANCE BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF
GUYANA, JAMAICA AND MEXICO. ATTENDANCE BY MEXICAN
FOREIGN MINISTER HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED DAY BEFORE MOJSOV
VISITED MEXICO. MOJSOV HAD MADE REGULAR VISITS TO

GUYANA AND JAMAICA, TO WHICH HE IS ACCREDITED, AND HAD
NOT URGED FOREIGN MINISTERS' ATTENDANCE.

C. YUGOSLAVS HAD SUPPORTED ONLY ONE OF THREE DRAFT
PANAMA RESOLUTIONS WHICH ALL COUNTRIES VOTED IN FAVOR
OF, EXCEPT US (UK HAD ABSTAINED).

D. YUGOSLAVIA HAD NOT DEPARTED IN PANAMA FROM ITS
LONG- ESTABLISHED POLICY OF SUPPORTING SOVEREIGN
RIGHTS OF EVERY COUNTRY, IN AND OUTSIDE UN, REGARDLESS
OF SIMILARITIES OR DIFFERENCES IN SOCIAL SYSTEMS.

E. IN INTEREST OF MAINTAINING GOOD US- YUGOSLAV RELA-
TIONS AND AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS, GRANFIL RECOMMENDED
MORE DISCUSSION BETWEEN OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT UN.

3. RESPONDING TO GRANFIL' S POINTS, STOESSEL REPEATED HIS
EARLIER STATEMENT THAT FROM US VIEWPOINT THERE HAD BEEN
LACK OF YUGOSLAV CONSULTATION WITH US; WE COULD NOT UNDER-
STAND YUGOSLAVIA' S ACTIONS WHICH WERE DISPROPORTIONATE TO
ITS RELATIVE INTERESTS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE; AND WE FOUND
DISTASTEFUL MOJSOV' S MARCH 21 ON THE RECORD STATEMENT WHICH
TERMED CANAL SITUATION THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE,
QUESTIONED OUR MOTIVES, AND CARRIED AN IMPLIED INCITEMENT
TO VIOLENCE. STOESSEL UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTAND-
ING EACH OTHER' S POINT OF VIEW AND VALUE OF INCREASED
CONSULTATION BETWEEN US AND YUGOSLAV UN DELEGATIONS IN
CONTEXT OF MAINTAINING GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS. ROGERS

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